



Policy – Seafood Sourcing

for Woolworths Own Brand Products (Australia Only)

Policy

Woolworths FoodCo has committed to sourcing all of our Own Brand fish and seafood from sources that are third-party certified or independently verified as ecologically responsible.

Third-party certifications

Third-party certifications preferred by Woolworths are:

- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)

If they are not commercially practical Woolworths will accept:

- Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) - '2 Star' certified at minimum
- GLOBALG.A.P. (GGN)

Independent Verification

In the absence of one of the above third-party certifications, the ecological responsibility of a seafood source must be independently verified by a qualified group or individual, using credible and publicly available tools and methodologies. Tools currently recognised by Woolworths include:

- The Ecological Sustainability Evaluation of Seafood ([ESES](#)) tool
- The '[Whichfish](#)' tool
- 'Comprehensive' Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs) or Aquaculture Improvement Projects (AIPs)

Specific Requirements for Own Brand Ambient/Shelf-Stable Tuna Products

The following sourcing requirements apply to Woolworths Owned Brand shelf-stable tuna products:

- Woolworths will preferentially source MSC certified tuna harvested through FAD-Free and/or Pole & Line fishing methods.
- In the absence of such sources, Woolworths will source tuna harvested through FAD-Free and/or Pole & Line fishing methods from:
 - 'Comprehensive' FIPs; or
 - Suppliers that are participating companies in the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)
 - Via membership of the International Seafood Sustainability Association (ISSA);
 - With no 'major' non-conformities identified in their annual audit report;
 - That source only from vessels listed on the ISSF Proactive Vessel Register (PVR)

Woolworths is committed to working with industry bodies, government and other stakeholders to support us in delivering our commitment/policy and driving the global movement towards sustainable fisheries management and aquaculture.

Scope

Our current priority is to focus on areas of greatest risk and greatest opportunity to influence change. For this reason our 2020 Commitment applies to the following Own Brand categories;

- Chilled/Packaged
- Dairy/Entertaining
- Frozen Fish
- Self-Serve Freezer
- Ambient/Long-life
- Behind the Counter (BTC)

Other Own Brand categories covered by this policy include;

- Chilled/Frozen/Ready-to-Go Meals
- Deli Salad/Sandwiches and Rolls
- Chilled/Fresh-Cut Salads

This policy **does not** apply to fish and seafood used as an ingredient in pet food, derivatives used in cooking products (e.g. fish sauce, fish stock), extracts used in health products (e.g. cod liver oil, krill oil). The policy does not apply to vendor branded products, although Woolworths will initiate dialogue with its major seafood vendors to improve the responsibility of their sourcing also.